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**Amendments To The Specification:**

In the English translation of amended sheet1, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 4, after the title, as follows:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/008157, filed July 21, 2004 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German Patent application No. 10343796.7 DE filed September 22, 2003, both of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 4, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION section with the new section heading, as follows:

**--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1, line 12, as follows:

**--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 4, line 3, as follows:

**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraphs at page 4 line 6 – page 5 line 6, as follows:

According to the invention, this is achieved by means of a method of the type cited at the beginning, wherein: ~~the logging on/off of a network access server to or from this group takes~~

~~place in such a way that an address list of a network access server always indicates the current status of the network access servers in the group.~~

~~Since an address list is always updated when a network access server logs on/off, a configuration of the group of network access servers is essentially simplified for the operator of a packet data network. Various methods can be applied in this case, and these are cited in the dependent claims.~~

It is particularly advantageous if,

- when a new network access server logs onto a group of network access servers, a first message is sent from the new network access server to the network access servers of this group,
- the network access servers of this group store the address of the new network access server in an address list and send a second message to the new network access server in each case,
- the second messages are received and used by the new network access server for creating and storing an address list of all network access servers in this group.

~~This variant of the claimed method is particularly easy to implement and therefore particularly advantageous. In this case, a first message of the new network access server is followed by second messages of the network access servers of a group. Since the messages contain the addresses of the senders, it is advantageously possible to establish address lists in the network access servers, both in the new network access server and in the network access servers of the group.~~

This is a particularly easy-to-implement and therefore advantageous method for managing a group of network access servers, by means of which an address list of a network access server always has the latest status of the network access servers within the group of the method according to the invention. In this case, a first message of the new network access server is followed by second messages of the network access servers of a group. Since the messages contain the addresses of the senders, it is advantageously possible to establish address lists in the

network access servers, both in the new network access server and in the network access servers of the group.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraphs at page 7 line 15 – page 8 line 22, as follows:

The problem addressed by the invention is also solved by means of a network access server which includes

- includes means for linking into a group of network access servers, wherein the "Multichassis Multilink Point to Point Protocol" (MMP) is used within said group,
- includes an address list of the other network access servers in this group, and
- includes means for registering a logging on and/or off of another network access server to or from this group, such that an address list in the network access server always shows the current status of the network access servers which are in the group.

Since an address list is continuously updated when a network access server logs on and/or off, configuring the group of network access servers is greatly simplified for the operator of a packet data network. It should be noted at this point that the advantages which are cited in relation to the claim method apply equally to the claimed network access server and vice versa.

In this case, it is particularly advantageous if the network access server includes

- means for receiving a first message, which message indicates the logging on of a new network access server to a group of network access servers,
- means for storing an address of the new network access server in an address list, wherein the address is contained in the first message,
- means for sending a second message to the new network access server, and
- means for receiving second messages and means for generating and storing an address list of all network access servers in a group, wherein the addresses are contained in the second messages.

This variant of the invention is particularly easy to implement and therefore particularly advantageous. In this case, a network access server comprises means for transferring the local

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~~address to the network access servers in a group, and means for establishing address lists of the other network access servers in a group.~~

The network server according to the invention therefore enables the particularly easy-to-implement and therefore advantageous inventive method for managing a group of network access servers. In this case, a network access server comprises means for transferring the local address to the network access servers in a group, and means for establishing address lists of the other network access servers in a group.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 10 line 21, as follows:

**--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--**

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 11 line 7, as follows:

**--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--**